

December 4, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
December 12, 2001**

		<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Approval of November 7, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve November 7, 2001 meeting minutes.
4.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7. Proposed 2001 Revisions to MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction

The MAG Standard Specifications and Details Committee is completing its review of proposed 2001 revisions to the MAG Standard Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. It is anticipated that the annual update packet will be available for purchase in early January, 2002. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On November 6, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment involved adding projects, changing the description of a project and combining projects. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Amendment to Add Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash to the MAG FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program

On November 6, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approving the Buckeye Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash to the MAG FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The development that is served by this road has had previous action by MAG, including approving the Airport Road Traffic Interchange at I-10 and an amendment to the 208 Water Quality Management Plan, for this project. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For information and discussion.

8. Approve an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, as described in attached Table One.

9. Approve the Amendment to Add Airport Road from I-10 to Osborn Wash to the MAG FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program.

*10. MAG Participation in Transportation Public Opinion Focus Groups and Regional Telephone Survey

At the November Regional Public Transportation Authority Board meeting, members expressed interest in having focus groups and a regional telephone survey taken to ascertain public attitudes regarding what the overall split of funds should be if the one-half cent sales tax is extended. The members also requested that the questions for the survey be reviewed by RPTA, MAG and stakeholder agencies. It is envisioned that the RPTA and MAG would each contribute up to \$25,000 for the focus group and survey work. The RPTA would amend their contract with West Group Marketing Research to conduct focus groups and conduct the telephone survey.

10. Approve contracting with the RPTA for MAG to provide up to \$25,000 for the RPTA consultant West Group Marketing Research to conduct focus groups and to conduct a regional telephone survey regarding the extension of the one-half cent sales tax.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*11. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment to amend the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment involved adding projects, changing the description of a project and combining projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

GENERAL ITEM

*12. Approval of Recommendations for Social Services Block Grant Fund Recommendations, FY 2001-2002

On October 17, 2001, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 funding recommendations for the locally planned Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) totaling \$4,752,622. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Approve the priority needs, services and funding recommendations for FY 2001-2002 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for advertisement and contracting.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**TRANSPORTATION ITEM**13. Requested Changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program

ADOT has requested that \$16.868 million in FY 2002 funding be transferred from the South Mountain Corridor to the Gilbert to Williams Field segment of the Santan Corridor. The Town of Gilbert has requested that the Santan Freeway at the junction with the railroad tracks at Rittenhouse Road be depressed under the tracks. Gilbert is willing to contribute up to \$2 million. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approve the requested changes to transfer \$16.868 million from the South Mountain Corridor to the Santan Corridor in 2002, with the funds returned to the South Mountain Corridor in 2003 and 2004, and to change the profile of the Santan Freeway to go underneath the Southern Pacific Railroad crossing at Rittenhouse Road.

AIR QUALITY ITEM14. MAG PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper Study

The MAG PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper Study has now been completed. The Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Approve the MAG PM-10 Efficient Street Sweeper Study.

GENERAL ITEMS15. Status Update on the June 30, 2000 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

The public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. An unqualified audit opinion was issued. There were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Management Committee recommended acceptance. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Accept the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2001.

16. MAG Governance Task Force Recommendations

On November 29, 2001, the MAG Governance Task Force made Final Recommendations. The recommendations were further discussed at the November 30, 2001 Management Committee Retreat. Staff will provide a report on the recommendations of the Task Force and the comments by the Management Committee. The Final Recommendations will be reviewed at the January 11, 2002 Regional Council Retreat. Action on the recommendations is anticipated at the January 30, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information, discussion and possible action.